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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO PRC

REF: HONG KONG 4952

1. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH AND AS A POSSIBLE INDICATOR OF CHINESE OPERATING STYLE, USLO CALLED MFA AMERICAS AND OCEANIA DEPARTMENT MAY 5 TO SAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS TRAVEL TO PEKING BY HONG KONG CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICIALS. MINUTES LATER MFA CALLED BACK TO CONFIRM THAT REQUEST CONCERNED TRAVEL TO CHINA BY CONGEN OFFICERS. FOLLOWING DAY CONSUL GENERAL CROSS WAS NOTIFIED OF HIS VISA APPROVAL DIRECTLY BY CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE IN HONG KONG.

2. TODAY (MAY 7) MFA CALLED TO SUGGEST THAT WE COME IN TOMORROW FOR REQUESTED APPOINTMENT. USLO OFFICER SAID URGENTCY OF MATTER SOMEWHAT ALLEVIATED BY FACT WE HAD JUST RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM HONG KONG ON SUBJECT, AND MFA OFFICIAL IMMEDIATELY INTERJECTED, "OH YES, MR. CROSS. HE LEFT FOR PEKING TODAY." WE AGREED THAT WE MIGHT DISCUSS THE PROBLEM LATER WHEN WE CALL AT MFA ON OTHER MATTERS. BUSH

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